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Vicki Brooker photo

Hey... I wasn't ready!

No scoring opportunity was missed as old friends and rivals got together to celebrate the memory of their former teammate and coach at the Second Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament this weekend. This particular goal was scored in Saturday afternoon's match-up between Team BUMP and Team CCS.

Goals met for Jim at memorial tournament

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Hockey fans' favourites from Elk Point and St. Paul's past were back on the ice this weekend as former teammates from the St. Paul Jr. B Canadiens, Elk Point Sr. Elks and the Jorvik recreational team were joined by some of the young men and women Jim Vinge coached to remember their friend and mentor in the way he would have liked best, at the Second Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament.

Teams sponsored by CCS, Prairie Tech, Xtreme, BUMP and Shellshock and coached by Scott Dallaire, Jordan Cousins, Murray Cochrane, Lane Lorenson and Robyn Moroziuk brought good crowds to the A. G. Ross Arena throughout the weekend, with the largest group on hand for the official opening ceremonies on Saturday afternoon.

Brianne Greening sang 'O Canada,' Doug Bassett and Leeann Vinge offered words of welcome. Murray Cochrane told the audience that Harrison Maas had "pestered him to award a prize to the guy last drafted. Harrison was that guy last year," so Murray presented him with a toy car and then a car was given to this year's last draft pick. Brayden Vinge, sidelined from this year's tourney with an injury, was flanked by sisters Hayley and Kelsey as he officiated in the ceremonial puck drop with the captains Murray Cochrane of Team Xtreme and Jordan Cousins of Team Prairie Tech.

Another enormous crowd packed the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre for Saturday night's supper and social, where Jim's mother, Rosemary, and her able crew of volunteers served up roast beef and all the trimmings to just short of 300 guests.

Leanne Vinge said her late husband would have loved the whole weekend, "from Wednesday night's draft, to tonight, and the games tomorrow."

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Riverland Challenge on verge of cancellation

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Organizing the Fifth Annual Riverland Challenge is currently looking like too much of a challenge for the Friends of the Forts, who still don't have that event's organizational team in place after last week's annual meeting, where the 2011 executive was reelected by acclamation.

"You need to find somebody really fast," Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site program coordinator Ross Stromberg told the Friends, noting that the Saturday, May 26 event has been advertised in this year's Alberta's Lakeland and Kalyna Country tourist guides. Last year, with Town of Elk Point recreation director Valerie Lazicki stepping in to assist Marianne Price after previous organizer Sheila Thompson left Elk Point, the event "went amazingly well," Stromberg noted, but Lazicki has now also left the community.

"We have the volunteers willing to do the various tasks on Challenge day," Friends secretary Daphne Schnurer added. "We just need a coordinator to make sure everyone is where they need to be at the right time." A person with good organizational and communication skills would be required for the volunteer position.

A March 31 deadline has been set to find someone willing to take on the volunteer coordinator challenge, and if no one is found by that time, the 2012 Riverland Challenge will be cancelled. Anyone wishing more information may call Schnurer at 780-724-3737.

The Friends are looking for ways to attract more visitors to their second major event of the summer, the July 22 Saskatoon Festival, and are currently exploring ways to combine this event with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the historic site's interpretive centre, which opened in 1992 as part of the Fort Geore and Buckingham House Bicentennial celebrations.

Stromberg has been busy since the last Friends meeting, and recently attended the Northeast Alberta teachers' convention, where he met "lots and lots of teachers" and told them about the Forts and the programs offered there. Six schools have already booked visits for this season, he said. This week, Stromberg will be visiting the school at Fishing Lake with his outreach program.

Interpreter positions at Fort George and Buckingham House have now been posted and applications are "coming in,, he noted.

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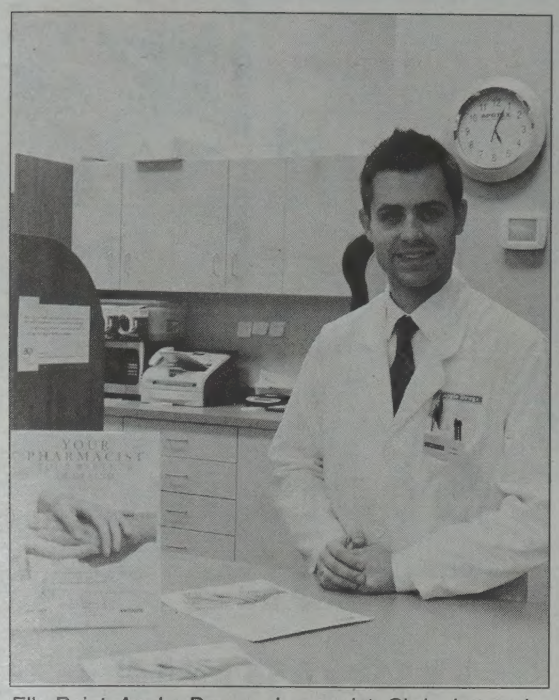


Elk Point Apple Drugs pharmacist Chris Letawsky always has a cheeful smile and friendly advice for customers who bring in prescriptions or would like help in finding appropriate supplements.

Ray Danyluk, MLA

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS

I am a proud Alberta landowner, as are many of our elected government members. Recently, myths are being spread about government plotting to take people's land. Scary stories about new laws that infringe on private property rights. These stories are irresponsible, incorrect and designed to create fear. The people spreading these stories have their own political agenda.

Let's set the record straight with some facts on property rights.

Our province is growing by more than 100,000 people a year. Industrial activity on our landscape is also increasing. With this growth comes the need for new infrastructure, and a renewed need to protect our watersheds and environmentally-sensitive areas.

Albertans are common sense people. We know that planning for growth is the right thing to do – for private landowners, and for future generations. That is why government passed Bill 19, to improve treatment of landowners when locations are identified for major, long-term projects like ring roads and reservoirs. Bill 36, the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, was designed to involve all stakeholders in land use planning based on Alberta's seven major watershed regions. This will enable us to minimize the impacts of development on the land, and better protect agricultural areas, parks and recreation areas. And Bill 50 approved four critical transmission projects to ensure we have the energy we need for the future.

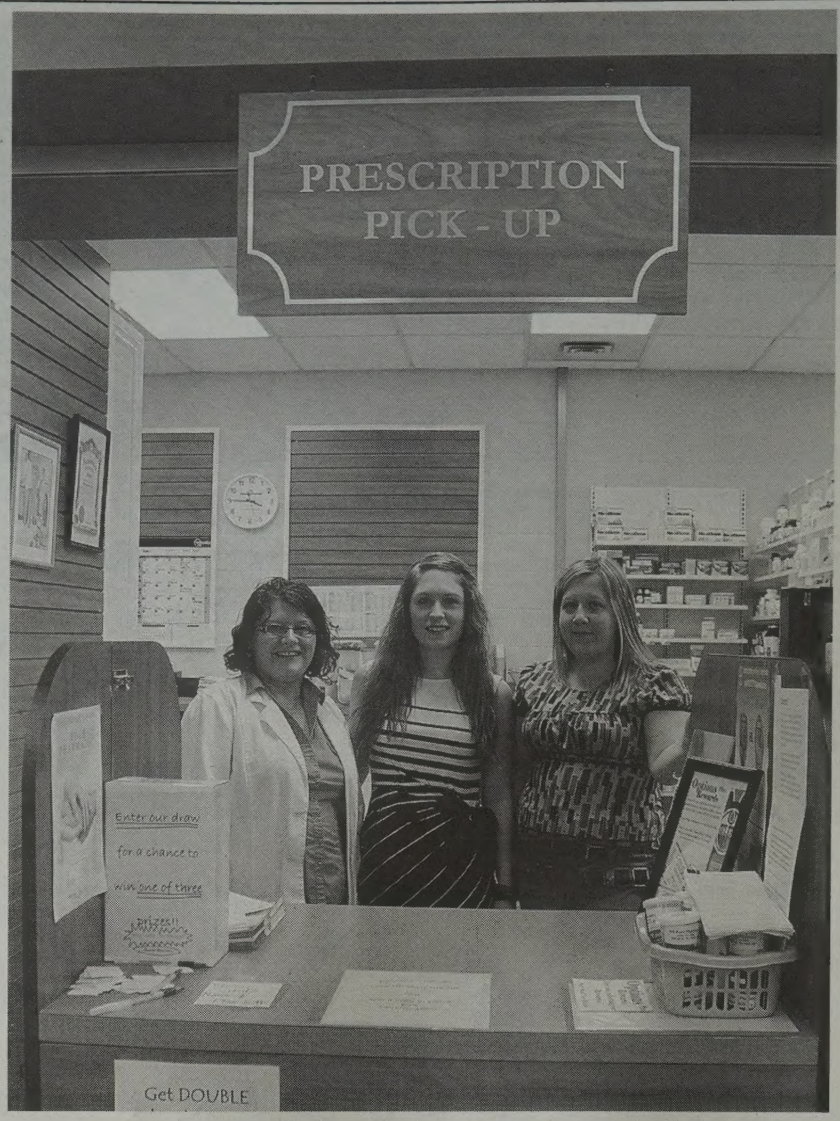
Since this legislation was passed, we heard from some Albertans that they were worried and uncertain about the impact of these laws on their property rights. Bills 19 and 36 were amended to make it clearer that landowners must be fairly consulted, and still have access to the expropriation process and to the courts. The need for transmission lines identified in Bill 50 was confirmed by an independent panel, which also made recommendations to minimize the impact on electricity costs.

Premier Alison Redford created the Property Rights Task Force, which recently held open houses across the province. Albertans told us very clearly that they value their land and their rights. They want to be consulted about decisions that affect them. If their land is going to be impacted, they want fair compensation. And if they need to assert their rights, they want full access to the courts.

As a landowner, I would expect nothing less. As your elected representative, I am pleased that Bill 6 has now been introduced to make this absolutely explicit in legislation – and it also creates a Property Rights Advocate to help landowners know their rights and navigate through the process.

Consultation, compensation and access to the courts. That is what our government has committed to, and that is what our legislation says. Those are the facts. You can learn more at propertyrights.alberta.ca.

Land stewardship is a responsibility I take seriously. My great-grandfather came to this province in the 1890s. I took over the reins on my grandfather's homestead in 1973. My family is deeply rooted; our blood, sweat and tears are invested in the legacy of our land. I would never do anything to jeopardize my grandchildren's legacy, or their property rights. Anyone who tells you otherwise is just making up stories.



Elk Point Pharmacy's Sharon Randall, Ashley Lothian and Laci Jacobson hosted a Pharmacist Awareness Week open house on Thursday, with snacks and coffee for all who stopped by and the opportunity to enter a draw for prizes. They were kept so busy, it was hard to find time to pose for this photo..

Pharmacist Awareness Week

March 4 to 10 was Pharmacist Awareness Week, with the theme, "Your Pharmacist - Your Partner in Health... Now More than Ever."

The theme reflects the new provincial laws that will allow pharmacists to take a more active role in your health care, in many cases by refilling prescriptions without a visit to your doctor, changing a medication so it is easier to take, giving flu shots or other vaccinations and prescribing medications for minor ailments.

You can also talk to your pharmacist about how to take your medications, and how to deal with long-term conditions such as diabetes and asthma.

Thanks to our friendly neighbourhood pharmacists for all they do.

Bobcat crash kills worker

By Cst Adam Rayner
Two Hills RCMP

On the evening of March 9th, 2012, Two Hills and Elk Point RCMP responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision on Highway 41, near highway 640.

A company was contracted to clear dirt and debris from the roadway that had been deposited by large trucks. At approximately 10:15pm, a lone worker was sweeping the southbound lane of the highway with a Bobcat mini-excavator. The Bobcat had been driven to the scene with a flat deck tow truck, which remained at the location with amber roof lights flashing and white floodlights illuminated. A large 'Vac' truck approached from the North, and the floodlights on the tow truck as well as a set of oncoming headlights caused the driver to not be able to see the Bobcat on the roadway. The truck slowed down considerably at it approached the parked tow truck, but still collided with the Bobcat. The Bobcat operator sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision. The driver of the truck performed CPR on the Bobcat operator until EMS was able to arrive. The operator of the Bobcat ended up eventually succumbing to his injuries and died on scene.

Two Hills RCMP are respecting the wishes of the family and are not prepared to release any names of those involved at this time..

' My Old Friends' hits the stage on Friday

By John Sieben

Elk Point Community Choir

The hall is alive with the sound of hammers, saws, paint brushes and rehearsing. It's definitely not the Sound of Music, it's the sound of preparation for this year's dinner theatre production in Elk Point at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

The Elk Point and District Choir is proud to present a musical comedy that you may not wish to miss. "My Old Friends" is the offering for this, the 19th production year.

"My Old Friends" is a charming Broadway musical featuring the hilarious antics of the residents at the Golden Days Retirement Hotel. There is a little romance, plenty of time for song, a little dancing and lots of jokes.

This year, as in the past, the cast truly reflects the Elk Point and District name, as this year's thespians hail from Elk Point, Bonnyville and St. Paul. Some local talent you may be fans of are Udo Mueller, Alan Kostyniuk, John Sieben, Shaun Sheplawy, Caroline Vandriel and Velma Hudson. Rounding out the rest of the cast are Lawrence Pidluzny, Shilo Salzman and Martin Dion. Dixie Coleman takes on a double responsibility as actress and director. Barb Buryn keeps the music coming with fine accompaniment on the keyboard.

Numerous other members of the Elk Point Choral Society (as the choir is officially named) give countless hours bringing each year's production to the stage. Volunteers build and paint sets, sell tickets, set tables, staff the bar, wash dishes and floors when necessary, set up and take down tables and chairs for each performance and serve as hosts which makes each dinner theatre night so enjoyable.

The choir is pleased to be able to rent the hall from The Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society to bring to the community a quality evening. Our community is extremely lucky to have a fine facility like the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre. The centre has been open for four years and has a stage, sound quality and kitchen facilities that are the envy of many theatres in other centres.

"My Old Friends" will be up and running on Friday and Saturday evenings March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31. Check your calendar and get your tickets for an evening of food to sate your palette, jokes to tickle your funny bone and songs that will make your toes tap all night. Tickets are available by calling Elk Point Realty at 780 724-4777. See you there!

Arias (Shaun Sheplawy) gives Mrs. Cooper (Velma Hudson) a dance lesson.

"I take more pride in this bench than in all the ties I've ever sold," Wally Slocum (Lawrence Pidluzny) tells fellow retiree Peter Shermann (Udo Mueller), delighting in the new skill he learned from Shermann, a newcomer at the Golden Days Retirement Hotel.

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Dated this 6th day of March A.D., 2012 **Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer**

Alberta Child Welfare Class Action

The Alberta Court has certified a class action lawsuit against the Defendants, the Child Welfare branch of the Alberta Government and the Alberta Public Trustee. This lawsuit is led by three people who were under the care of Child Welfare when they were minors. They are alleging that Child Welfare should have pursued criminal injuries compensation and personal injury claims for children in its care but failed to do so. They are bringing this lawsuit on their own behalf and on behalf of persons who are or were in the custody of Child Welfare and whose legal rights were not protected. The Defendants deny the allegations.

More information about the class action:

This is only a brief description of the class action. Please review the detailed notice that is posted on the following websites: www.victimsrightslaw.ca www.docken.com www.kleinlyons.com. If you do not wish to participate in the class action the opt-out deadline is May 4, 2012. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact one of the law firms below and ask for the detailed notice to be sent to you by mail:

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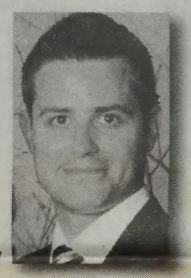

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

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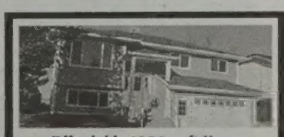

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks to the shovelers

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the homeowners and businesses in Elk Point who take the time to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice. I enjoy walking with my so to pick up the mail, get groceries or visit the library, and it is much easier and safer to push the stroller on clear sidewalks.

A second 'thank you' goes out to the people who are considerate enough to shovel for their neighbours, who for whatever reason, are unable to do it themselves. Rest assured that your good deeds do not go unnoticed.

Jennifer Van der Hoek

Way Back When...

Jaws, SPAA and rock 'n' roll

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and the Elk Point Review for the week of March 13 in...

1987

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department kicked off a fundraising campaign to raise $19,166 to add the Jaws of Life to their emergency equipment. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was slowly emerging from a comatose state, with 28 former members and interested newcomers attending the first meeting since the previous fall, the members voting 15 to 4 to revive the chamber, after a lengthy decision, Ed Buck and Ed Gregoraschuk spearheading a committee to determine its future direction and guidelines.

1992

Senior speaker Becky Allen and junior speaker David Naber were moving on to district competition after winning the Elk Point 4-H public speaking competition. Progressive Conservatives from across the Beaver River riding rendezvoused in Elk Point for a fur-trade-themed evening of dining, entertainment and dancing, with Crowfoot Member of Parliament Arnold Malone, the evening's keynote speaker, impressed with Elk Point and joking that with all the boundary changes in the offing, "maybe we can adopt you."

1997

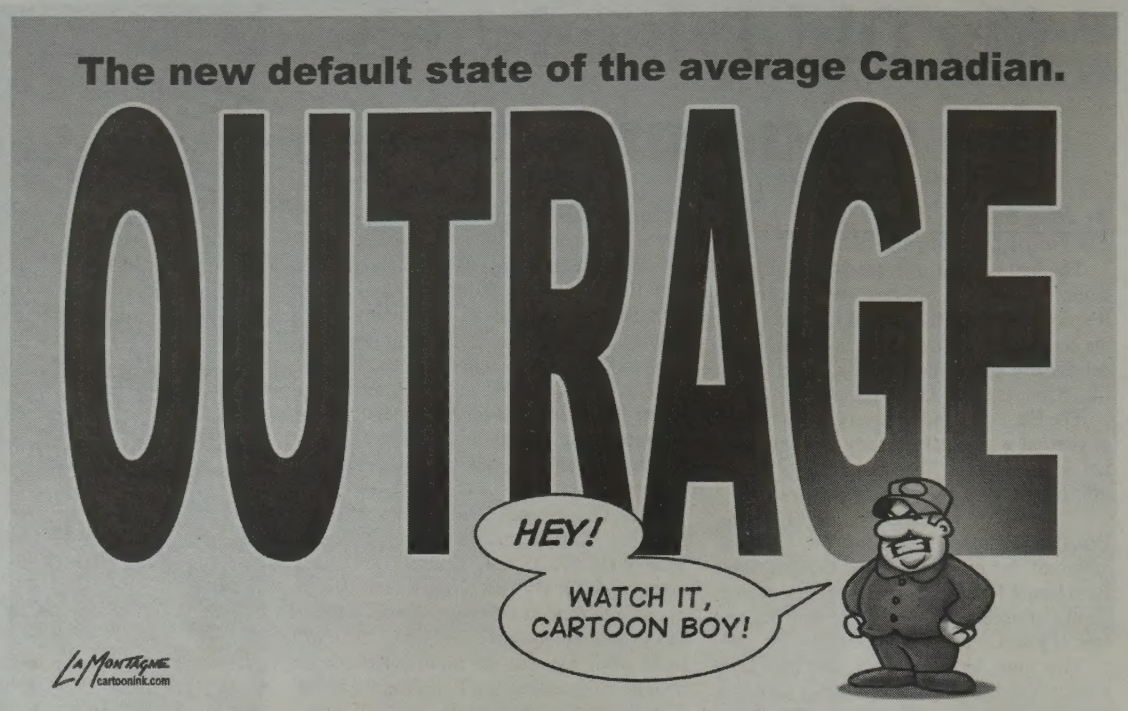
Progressive Conservative MLA Paul Langevin was elected for a second term with a clear majority of 4,790 votes over closest contender Vital Ouellette, with 2,890 votes. F. G. Miller Crusaders senior girls, coached by Ray Danyluk, defeated St. Paul Regional Saints 49 to 32 to win the SPAA basketball banner, with the coach attributing the win to strong team play.

2002

Elk Point Skating Club rocked through the ages at their annual carnival, portraying music greats from Shirley Temple to Elvis, with a live rock'n'roll performance from a preteen Brett Kissel accompanying the grand finale. Danielle Schnurer of the Elk Point Saddle Slickers was named the district's top senior 4-H public speaker, with a speech entitled "Yellow Life Line" that evolved from a National Students Against Drunk Driving presentation at F. G. Miller High School.

2007

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce set a series of realistic and attainable goals that included a personalized brochure outlining the benefits of chamber membership, integrating efforts with the economic development committee's business and retention focus group and contacting local employers to see if their was a need for a job fair. Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters were hoping to raise money to equip their new rescue van with their fourth Firemen's Ball, the proceeds from the first three having gone toward the van's purchase.



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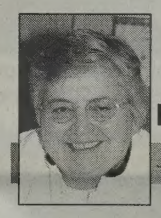

deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

We just finished adjusting to the extra day for the year 2012 that occurred on February 29th, now this last weekend we had to adjust to the magical term "Daylight Saving Time". How are you all doing? Daylight saving time, the brainchild of Benjamin Franklin during his 18th century Parisian days, seems to increase the number of productive daylight hours we have, during the seasons when the sun sounds revile early. Today, the additional hour of sunlight we gain, by setting our clocks one hour ahead of time, allows us to close up shop an hour early, and to enjoy playtime after the work day is done while the sun still beams high above us.

The extra daylight hour we now enjoy, by altering our circadian rhythms by one hour, did not immediately gain acceptance during Benjamin Franklin's time. Instead, the practice was born of necessity during World War1 and 11. The practically of his idea of day light saving time came into play during these wars, when scarcity and rationing were the operative words. By following their normal routines, and by going to bed hours after sundown, people relied upon artificially generated light, which depleted the scarce and rationing where the operative words. By following their normal routines, and by going to bed hours after sundown, people relied upon artificially generated light, which depleted the scare reserves of fuel in its generation. Germany realized that this precious commodity could better be used to serve the war effort, and instituted the first daylight saving laws in 1915. Those who refused to comply with the lights out curfew faced punishment. England followed suit in 1916, and finally, the United States, in 1918. The United States reinstated the daylight saving laws on a national basis during World War 11. The close of the war ended the law's necessity, but the national habit continued on a voluntary basis. Daylight saving time had taken root in our society, and was now the norm. Of course, daylight saving time never affected the farmer, whose livelihood dictates that he adheres to the old adage "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise".

Now that we have learned to accept that "daylight saving time" is a societal norm, what about our personal circadian rhythm? Does it accept "daylight saving time"?

The most well known circadian rhythm is the human sleep cycle. Sleep is controlled by neurotransmitters, which act on neurons in the brainstem and in the spinal cord. Signals produced by the SCN travel to different regions of the brain. It regulates other functions associated with the sleep cycle such as body temperature, hormone secretion, urine production, and changes in blood pressure. The sleep/wake cycle in humans is dependent on light and temperature. A change in these could shift or disrupt the cycle. External factors that affect the circadian rhythm are called zeitgebers. These could be anything from an alarm clock to meal times.

There are many health problems associated with a disturbance in the sleep circadian rhythm. These can be temporary or due to a lack in the circadian rhythm in the body. These include Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) where the rhythm is disturbed due to the change in length of day, delayed sleep phase syndrome (DSPS) which is caused by a circadian rhythm abnormally causing the suffers body to want to sleep later than normal.

Circadian rhythm disorders can be caused by many factors, including: shift work; pregnancy; time zone changes; medications; and changes in routing. Circadian rhythm disorders are treated based on the kind of disorder diagnosed. The goal of treatment is to fit a person's sleep pattern into a schedule that can allow them to meet the demands of a desired lifestyle. Basically what is involved is gradually and systematically adjusting a desired bedtime. This may mean adjustment of light – that is darkening the room. No matter how you look at it, our circadian rhythms are being adjusted.

Yes, daylight savings time has occurred, our circadian rhythms have had to be adjusted which is why it is probably taking all of us a few days to become adjusted. It is not our problem, it is our biological clock problem – but we can influence it. Right!!!

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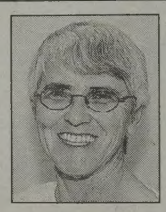

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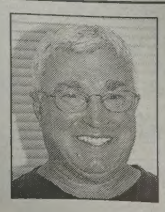

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Canada

Property rights yes! campaign starts in St. Paul

By Tim Banman
Review Contributor

An estimated 300 people attended an information meeting by agricultural lawyer Keith Wilson at the St. Paul Rec. Centre on Wednesday evening. Wilson is the policy chair of the Alberta Landowners Council.

With a provincial election nearing and no changes to legislation he says endangers the future of Alberta, Wilson asked attendees to not the support the Progressive Conservatives.

"The only choice that the premier has left them is to vote the government out of office," Wilson said, before the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the Landowners Council gave away 120 signs proclaiming: "Property Rights Yes! PC Bills 24 – 36 – 50 NO! Vote Responsibly." The sign shows the image of a red circle around a crossed out "PC."

After the presentation, a man from the audience asked if bureaucrats were "leading the charge" on the land use laws.

"I believe this idea emanated from the bureaucracy. It's a bureaucrat's dream," responded Wilson. "I think there's some of the politicians that know exactly what this does and believe it's a good idea, and I think there's a whole bunch of the other ones that don't get it and they completely rely on the bureaucrats' help."

With Bill 50, the province will pay for four unnecessary transmission lines at a cost of $16.7 billion, causing power bills to further increase, he said. The Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta has spoken out against the Bill 50 lines.

"They're livid about the Bill 50 lines," said Wilson. The high power prices will drive industry out of the province, he said.

One audience member asked if Bill 50 lines will pad the pockets of the government's friends. Wilson said regardless of the motive, he's worried about consequences like higher power bills.

Another person asked if Bill 50 will affect small businesses. "Absolutely," said Wilson. The laws will push out sectors that are not oil and gas and create a "monolithic economy," he said, adding the laws increase red tape.

"These laws do not reflect Alberta's values. We don't need this level of bureaucracy. We don't need this level of central planning, of control by the cabinet."

"A year ago it was much more hypothetical," Wilson told the Journal before the meeting. After his presentation in St. Paul in 2011, the government announced its intentions to rescind 24 oilsands leases with Bill 36. "It shows their intention to use these powers … I'm very concerned about landowners and those that don't have the economic power and the office towers full of lawyers like the oil and gas guys do."

The Alberta Land Stewardship Act (former Bill 36) concentrates power in cabinet to rescind water licences, mineral leases, oil and gas leases and grazing leases, he said, as well as restricts access to compensation and the courts.

After the Property Rights Task Force heard Albertans wanted to repeal the law, the government recently announced it's "full steam ahead" with the legislation, Wilson said. The province introduced legislation to create a property rights advocate office, which according to Wilson, will have no powers other than to file a report to the legislature.

"He's basically a grief counselor."

Property Rights Task Force chair, Diana McQueen, defended the advocate, in a phone interview with the *Journal* on Friday. Bill 6 to create the position is in second reading and is expected to pass this session, she said, adding it does more than create the advocate, it guarantees access to the Expropriation Act regardless of other legislation.

"The right to compensation and the right to access to courts is in this piece of legislation. Bill 6 makes it clear that the Expropriation Act would apply to any expropriation or compensable taking authorized under any law." The Expropriation Act would prevail over any contrary laws, the bill states.

Where a complainant feels unfairly treated, the advocate can make a report to the court, said McQueen. The advocate will report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and make an annual report to the legislature. If the advocate makes recommendations to the legislature, it could be referred to an all-party committee, said McQueen.

"We're trying to make sure that the advocate's role is very strong in their role to advocate for landowners … If the property owner does feel unfairly treated in the process, one of the strengths of this is the advocate can investigate that and issue that report to the court, or the expropriating authority, or the land compensation board, whichever party that might be that the landowner felt that they weren't being treated fairly."

The advocate will educate about property rights around the province, as well as provide information on the right to compensation if land is taken, and to help landowners identify the most appropriate place for appeal, whether a tribunal or court, she said.

"We're trying to make this a very open and transparent process that the reporting will come through the legislature," she said.

Repeal bills

Local Liberal, NDP and Wildrose party candidates confirmed with the *Journal* they would repeal the bills Wilson targeted if elected.

Lac La Biche – St. Paul Wildrose candidate Shayne Saskiw and Bonnyville - Cold Lake Wildrose candidate Roy Doonanco attended the meeting.

"Premier Redford had the chance to change this legislation and she chose not to," said Saskiw, after the event. Albertans need to vote in a new government to repeal the bills and restore property rights and tackle power bills, he said. The Wildrose promises to create a property rights preservation act to "ensure no future government does this again," and full and fair compensation if land were expropriated, he said.

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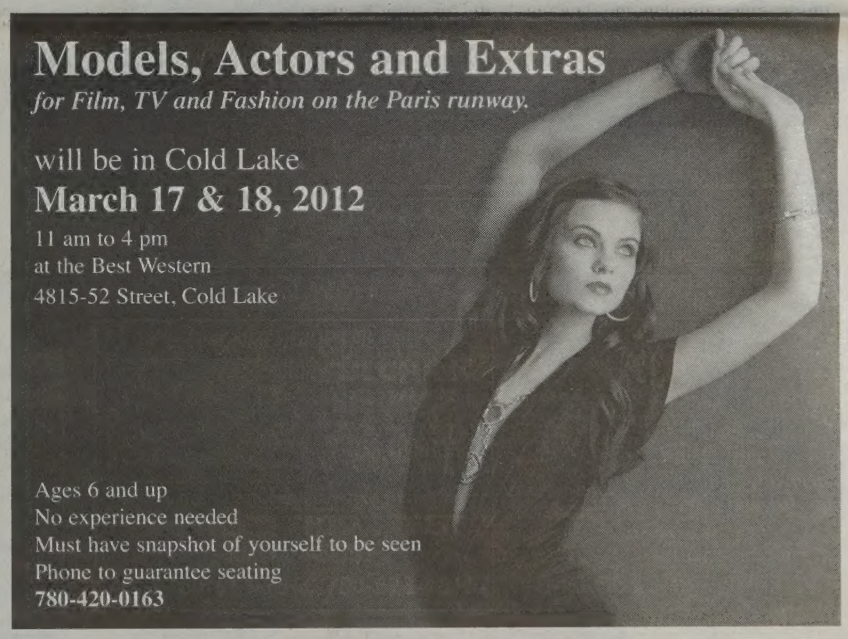

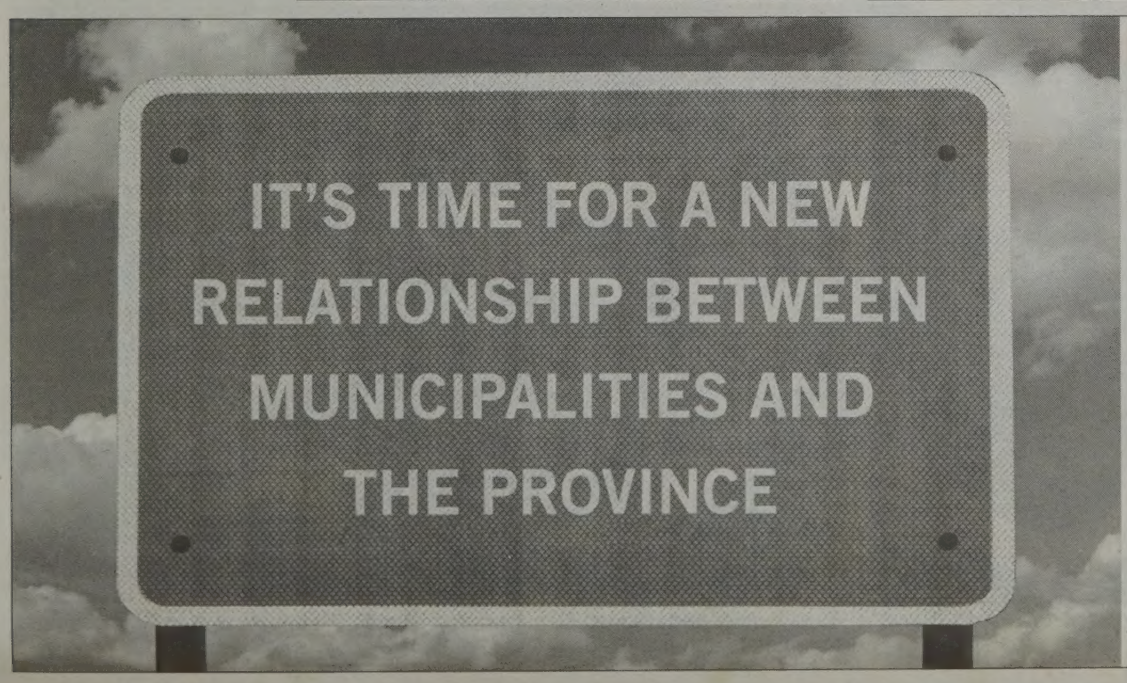

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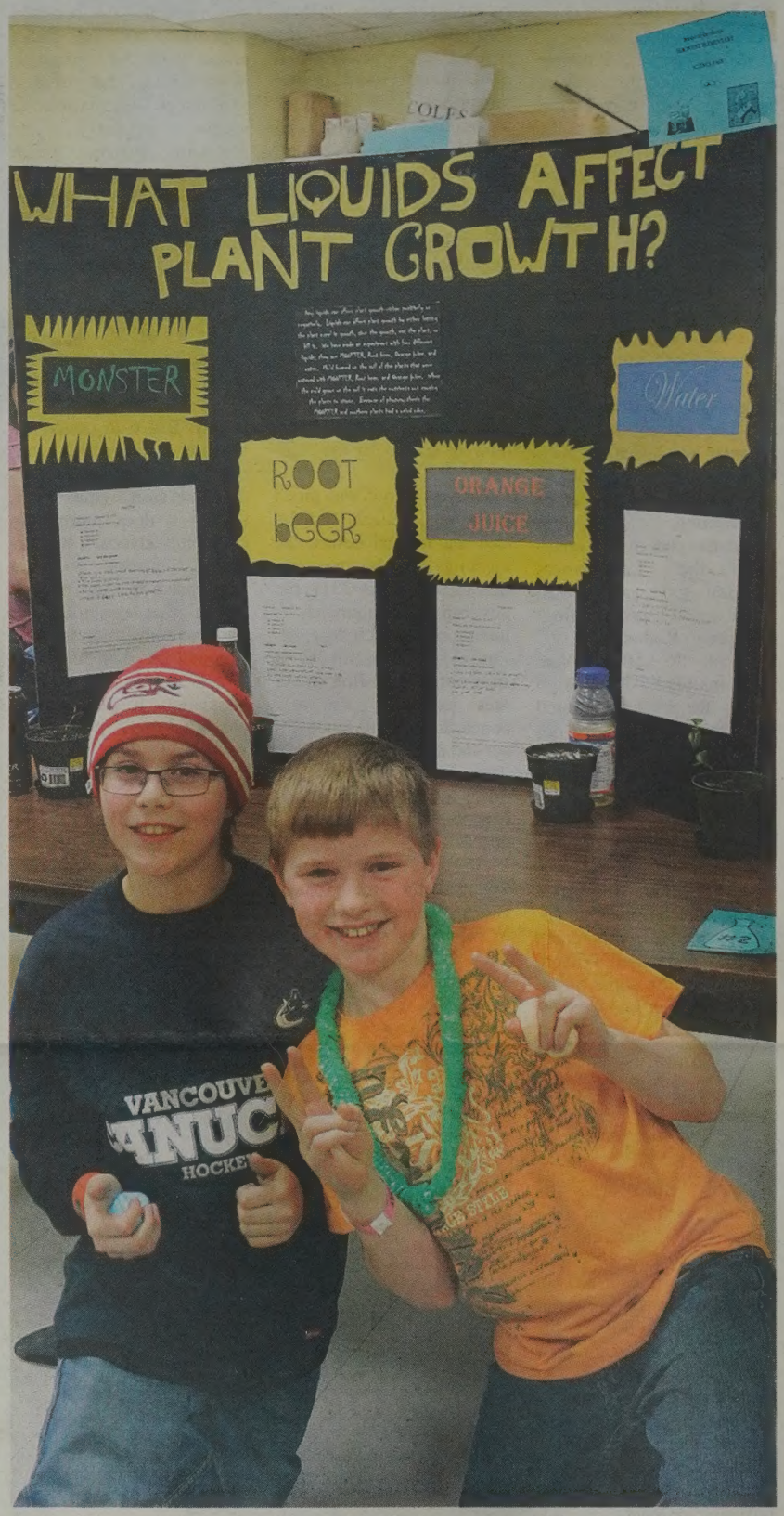
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association represents Alberta's 277 urban municipalities including cities, towns, villages, summer villages and specialized municipalities – home to 85% of Albertans.

EPE Science Fair

Grade 3B student Tulsen Wells demonstrates the fine science of making Flubber, a cool, rubbery substance, to a delighted audience of youngsters.

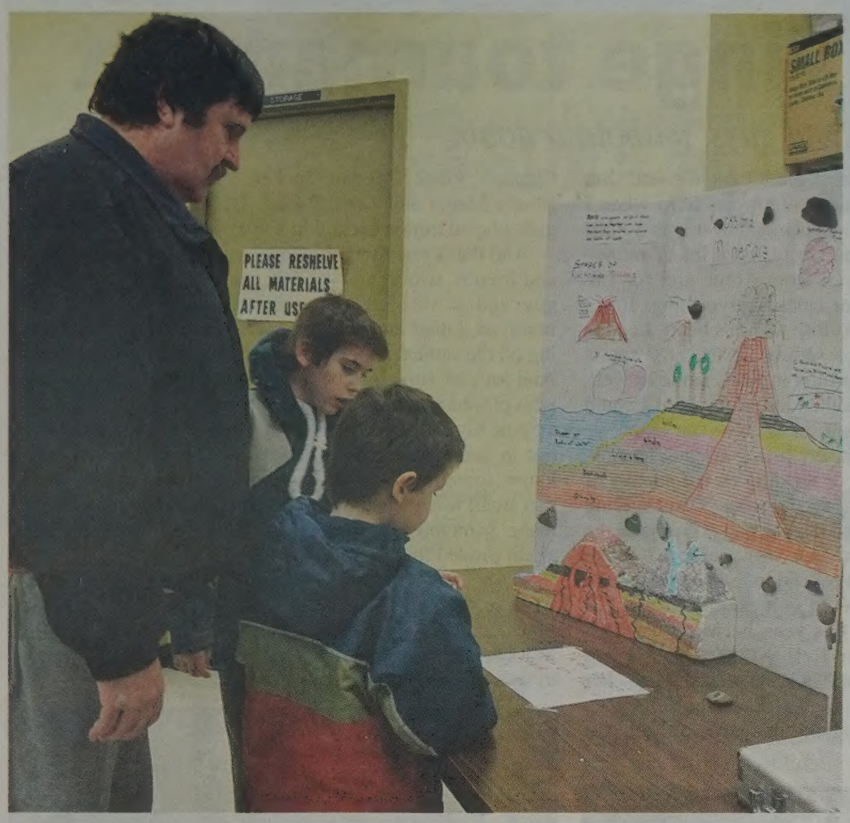
Rhianna Bjorkman won a Grade 4 Award of Excellence with this pretty and informative display entitled "How to Grow Crystals."



Kaiden Evans-Anderson and Angus MacFarlane showed thir science prowess with an experiment demonstrating "What Liquids Affect Plant Growth?" to win a Grade 5 Award of Excellence.

Fawn Ockerman and Hunter Nelson determined "What Sorbent Absorbs Oil Best?" to win an Award of Excellence in the Grade 5 division.

Kira Brunner and Hannah Ganske demonstrated the effects of Acid Rain on plants and metals to win a Grade 6 Award of Excellence at the Science Fair.



Science Fair visitors (above) learn about volcanoes from a display entered by Grade 5 students Tammy Roberts and Bryan Fraser.

At top right, Morgan Baker explains the physics of various types of horses' bits to Denise Bjorkman. Her display won a Grade 6 Award of Excellence.

Mykaela Verenka demonstrates the strength of a popular brand of paper towels, as she piles quarters on a suspended, moistened towel. Her experiment won a Grade 3 Award of Excellence.

Other Award of Excellence winners included:

Samantha Urquhart, Grade 5A - Can Lemons Light a Light Bulb?
Mackenzie Evans, Grade 5B - Cross Contamination
Abby Baker, Grade 5A - Why Don't Birds' Feet Freeze in Winter?
Micah Urquhart, Grade 3A - Can I Make a Crystal Snowflake?
Ty Smereka and James Kozicki, Grade 4 - Are Aliens Real?
Katelyn Boratynec and Keyanna Parr, Grade 4 - Which Fuel?

Vicki Brooker photo

Legion Award Winners

Del Smith of St. Paul Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, presented awards to Amy Harms for third place poem, along with a Chequers for $20, and to Tia Dore for second place essay, with a Chequers for $30, as well as certificates of appreciation to teacher Sandra Bishop and to F. G. Miller High School for encouraging the students to take part in the annual Poppy Contest.

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Reflections on the Vinge tournament

Jim would be laughing at us old guys, without a doubt

doug BASSETT
Review Sports

If Jim were here right now he would be laughing his head off at me, out there on the ice playing hockey trying to keep up with the young bucks. And what's even going to be funnier is how stiff and sore I am going to be later this coming week after playing in the Second Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament. It's a good thing I'm an athlete in such great physical shape that I can bounce back! But at least I touched the puck a few times and I almost scored. I even had a penalty shot. It must be the pressure of playing in front of the huge crowd that I didn't score, but at least I hit the net! Jim wouldn't have much opportunity to blow his horn when I was on a breakaway, but it was a blast anyway and we raised a lot of money for the A. G. Ross Arena and for Elk Point Minor Hockey, two things that I know were close to Jim's heart. Leanne will also be setting up the new sports scholarship fund in Jim's name as well.

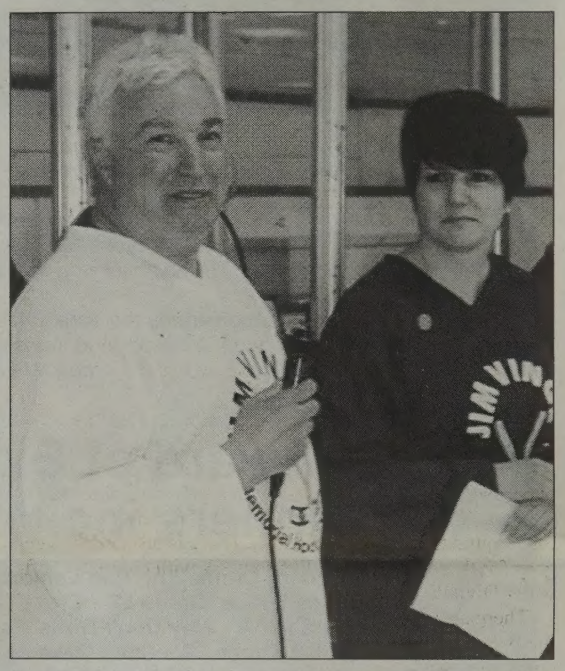
Jim was the kind of guy that I could always count on to come out when we had some heavy lifting around the rink, a major repair job on the plant or welding on the penalty or player box gates. A few years ago, on one Thanksgiving weekend when we were all off someplace else enjoying the weekend, Jim and his son Brayden "Mr. Scrooge" Vinge came out every few hours all weekend long and flooded the ice with the hose, just so we could start skating earlier.

"Mr. Scrooge "didn't play this year, he was out with a hand injury, but his big sister Kelsey "the Champ" was playing and doing an awesome job. In a few years her younger sister "Hayley's Comet" will likely be suiting up too. In total, five girls were playing this year, Kelsey "the Champ" Vinge, Megan Tucker, "Taylor Made" Jenner, Mindy Meger and Tori "T Rex" Becker. And all of these girls played minor hockey in Elk Point.

And that's one thing this tournament is all about. Family and friends, two things you can count on. Jim was a family guy and it was great to see how many families were involved, father and son/daughter combinations were playing on the same team or against each other on another team. And lot's of Jim's old buddies from all over the province, who played with Jim on various teams came back to play.

And big thank you to everyone who came out and helped out in some way with a donation or work in kind. You know, sometimes we don't appreciate how lucky we are in this small town when everyone comes out and pitches in to make something a success, but this past weekend once again proved that "You're the best."

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "You're the best" Last week's answer to: "I haven't celebrated coming in number Two too many times. – Mark Messier. Got any sports scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



Doug Bassett and Leanne Vinge gave welcome messages a the opening ceremonies.

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A good crowd watched the action as players from years gone by came to town to take part in the Second Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament this weekend. This action is between Team CCS and Team BUMP on Saturday afternoon, and featured such former local players as George Danyluk. Jerin Bezpalko, Tyson Stafford and Lorne Demchuk

Like a lion?

March weather could be great for starting your fair preparation.

By Jennifer Van der Hoek
Elk Point Fair Board

March arrived with a snowstorm, but Albertans know that this doesn't mean it won't end with a blizzard. If you do find yourself stuck in side waiting out the weather, it's the perfect time to start gathering your items for this year's Elk Point Ag Society Horticulture and Craft Show, which will be July28 and 29 this year. Please make a note of the dates – they are earlier than usual.

This year's Photography Challenge is 'Fleeting Moments,' so find your best photo of a fallen leaf, a child blowing out their birthday candles, or a kitten stuck in a paper bag, and be sure to mount it and all your photos on a white, beige or black background with a narrow border visible around the edge of the photo. There is also a new category for those of you who like to work with computer software: Digitally Enhanced or Altered Photo.

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By Daphne Schnurer
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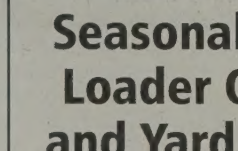

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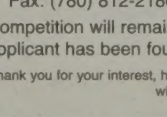

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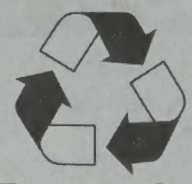

Better the 2nd time

Property rights

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"I'm definitely opposed to it as is the Alberta Liberal Party," confirmed local candidate John Nowak. "I honestly don't believe there's anything necessary to put in its place. These bills are being put into place to take away the rights of landowners. I don't see any reason to put anything in place to do that."

Phil Johnson, Lac La Biche – St. Paul NDP candidate, suggested Bill 50 lines would make money for government friends. The NDP wants a freeze on power rates and any further increases to go through the utilities commission, "like it used to," said Johnson, by phone. "We're just asking for the protections Albertans used to have … Landowners should have the same rights and freedoms they had before the government started this whole enterprise."

The NDP opposes the concentrations of power in the cabinet, he added. The government has not proved the Bill 50 lines are needed, he said. "A 100 per cent of the cost of these lines are going to go on ratepayers and everyone's upset from industry to families." Johnson proposes a 50-50 model between industry and ratepayers for building transmission lines.

Wilson said there was no crisis to cause the province to need to overhaul land use laws. He favours the province reviewing the land use laws between 1956-1995 and improving the system, saying some aspects worked well while others did not. For video from the meeting, see *spjournal.com*.

Dry conditions could delay spring grazing

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Dry soil conditions and below-average snow packs in the County of St. Paul and across the province could mean a late start to spring grazing and an increased risk of winterkill on hay and pasture stands for area livestock producers, cautions a provincial forage specialist.

"Producers should plan for delayed growth on their hay and pasture lands this spring and be prepared to keep their herds on winter feed supplies for at least a week longer than usual this spring – possibly longer, depending on when we get some moisture," says Grant Lastiwka, a forage and grazing specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD). "The dry conditions really snuck up on us after such a wet start to the growing season last year. It's surprising how quickly things turned around."

Soil moisture and snow packs are well below normal across large pockets of central, eastern and northern Alberta, with soil moisture ranging from an estimated 1-in-6 to 1-in-50-year lows in many of these areas. In the County of St. Paul, soil moisture generally ranges from 1-in-6-year lows in the west to near normal in the east, according to provincial soil moisture maps at *www.agric.gov.ab.ca/acis*.

Slower Plant Growth; Increased Risk of Winterkill

"As those energy reserves become depleted over the winter, the plants will be slower to start growing this spring. They're also more vulnerable to winterkill – which could be a real issue this year, especially on older hay stands," he adds, pointing to the lack of snow cover and unseasonably warm temperatures earlier this winter, which were followed by a frigid blast of Arctic air in January.

David Wowk feeds about 500 bison cows on 23 quarters of pasture near Mannville and grows about 750 acres of hay. Wowk says he's "very concerned" about the dry soil conditions on his land right now. "There's hardly any snow on the ground and we really haven't had any moisture around here since July 15. It's dusty and dry."

"We've had a lot of dry years in this area over the last decade. We really need rain in May, or we won't have any hay or grass at all," says Wowk, adding he's been buying hay and stockpiling it, just in case. Wowk says he also insures his hay and pasture every year to help purchase hay if there isn't enough rain in the spring. "Who knows, we could get a lot of snow in March. You just never know with the weather," he says.

More Than $6 Million Paid in 2011

In 2011, more than $6 million was paid on hay and pasture insurance claims across Alberta mainly due to lack of moisture, says John Kresowaty, Perennial Insurance Coordinator with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), the provincial Crown Corporation that administers crop insurance in Alberta.

Across central and southern Alberta, more than $3 million was paid to producers who experienced limited rainfall late in the season and production losses on hay.

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Goals for Jim

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"Jim was a very competitive guy, but he taught our kids that there was more to sport than winning," and that it was also important to support the community. Proceeds from the tournament will do just that, she said, going not only to the A. G. Ross Arena and to Elk Point Minor Hockey, but also to a newly established sports scholarship at F. G. Miller High School that will go to a student with a strong work ethic and who has a passion for sports.

Vinge praised the organizing committee for a great job, the team sponsors for their support, her mother-in-law and her crew for the tremendous meal, along with those who donated toward the supper, Elk Point Minor Hockey parents who volunteered to serve as bartenders, the tournament referees, and the donors of cash and items for the huge silent auction. Together, their efforts created an event that surely would have made Jim say, "You're the best!"

Opening Ceremonies

Brayden Vinge was flanked by sisters Hayley and Kelsey as he dropped the ceremonial puck between team captains Murray Cochrane and Jordan Cousins at the opening ceremonies.

Below left, Leanne Vinge offers words of welcome on behalf of the Vinge family, lined up at her left.

Below right, Harrison Maas finally got his gift for being last year's last draft pick!

Desiree Maas photos

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